

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A surgical saw blade coupler comprising:
a housing having a body and a head that extends forward from said body,
said head having a face and a through bore;
a driver having a driven portion disposed in said housing and configured
to be attached to a drive unit and a locking drive portion disposed over said face of said
head, said locking drive portion having: a through opening aligned with said through
bore; and at least one engaging member;
a pin that extends through said through bore and said through opening,
said pin having a head portion disposed over said locking drive portion with said head
portion and said pin having an opening aligned over and positioned to receive said at
least one engaging member, said pin being movably moveably mounted to said housing
so as to be able to move longitudinally in said through bore and said through opening;
a cap mounted to said pin so as to be spaced above said head portion of
said pin ~~so as~~ to define a ~~blade~~ slot between said head portion and said cap for receiving
a surgical saw blade; and
a biasing member acting between said head of said housing and said pin
for urging said head portion of said pin and said cap towards said at least one engaging
member.

29. (Currently Amended) The surgical saw blade coupler of Claim 28 [[1]],
wherein:

said cap has a bottom face directed towards said pin and at least one bore
that opens inwardly from said bottom face, said at least one bore being aligned with said
at least one engaging member and said opening in said head portion of said pin and
dimensioned to receive said at least one engaging member; and

said driver, said pin and said cap are collectively dimensioned so that
when said biasing member urges said head portion of said pin and said cap towards said

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at least one engaging member, said at least one engaging member extends through said opening and said ~~blade~~ slot into said bore defined in said cap.